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1. With regard to the agreement between the Sudeten Germans and the Prohala group of Czech exiles referred to in 12/244, 31 August 1950, there is attached the text of the agreement between the Sudeten Germans and the Czech National Committee.

2. KOVALENKA reportedly stated that the agreement had not yet been ratified by the Czechoslovak emigre circles in London, who are supporting Prohala. He added that the Prohala group had an important organization in Munich and that it was possible the agreement was initiated there in order to publicize this group as politically active and important.

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Text of the Agreement Between the Sudeten Germans and the Czech
National Committee

Munich: Agreement between General Prehala, leader of the Czech National Committee, and the Labor Union of the Standard Sudeten German Interests, represented by Dr. Lodgman and the National delegates Ritaner and Schuots, has the following wording:

1. Both stand on the platform of world democracy and lean away from every totalitarian system. Both regard democratic law (order) in relations in Bohemia, Moravia, Silesia communities as part of the fight for a united Europe. These, according to their convictions, can only be attained by the people through the free exercise of their rights in the determination of their own destiny.
2. Both recognize the principle that no one is entitled to impose migration upon a people. It is man's inalienable destiny that he be able to decide freely which way he will follow. Only a people's decision can be definitive (conclusive).
3. Both regard the return of the expelled Sudeten Germans to their native soil as a right, hence a matter of course. They are, however, aware that this return can only take place when the Czech people also are free. On that account, they will do everything toward the realization of this liberation.
4. Both lean away from the recognition of a collective guilt and resulting revengeful thoughts, but they demand the reparations for damages which the Czechs and the Sudeten German people suffered and the punishment of the spiritual instigators and those who carried out the committed crimes. These measures appear to both parties to be necessary because the happenings of the last ten years makes a friendly life side by side for these two peoples impossible, so long as the present generation lives because this generation shared directly in the criminal movement against property and life, either as actor or as sacrifice, and because both cannot extinguish the recollection of these events, even if they wanted to, without alienating the best from the criminals. The accomplishment of these measures should be according to the countrymen of each of the parties to the agreement. The crimes committed were not only by one section against the other, but one individual against another in each section, crimes causing the loss of character and respect in the eyes of all honest men.
5. Both parties are agreed that on the final state's political relations, according to point 2, both peoples should decide, as soon as the liberation of the Czech people and the return of the Sudeten Germans are realized. Here the assumption cannot be overlooked that the people,

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for a thousand years in Bohemia, Moravia, Silesia have lived in the closest neighborliness and will do so again in the future. Therefore, both parties have decided to set up a Federative Committee to formulate the principles for it. Both parties have equal power and take equal part in this Committee. ✓

6. This document is under ratification by the Czech National Committee on the one hand, and the Labor Union of the Standard Sudeten German Interests, Munich, on the other hand. Until then it must be treated confidentially and should be made public only after ratification.

7. The terms of this agreement are set forth in the German and Czech languages, both will be signed by the President of the Labor Union of the Standard Sudeten German Interests Munich on the one hand, and by General Prehala, representing the Czech National Committee, London, on the other hand. Both Deeds have authentic validity.

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